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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, MARCH 27, 2002

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

At the relation of the

State Corporation Commission

Case No. PUE010306

Ex Parte: In the matter of  
considering requirements  
relating to wires charges  
pursuant to the Virginia  
Electric Restructuring Act

ORDER GRANTING MOTION

On March 15, 2002, the Staff of the State Corporation Commission ("Staff") filed a motion in Case Nos. PUE000583, PUE000746, PUE000748, PUE000749, PUE010001, PUE010002, PUE010004, PUE010005, PUE010006, PUE010007, PUE010008, PUE010009, and PUE010306 requesting that the Commission combine the fuel adjustment and market price issues raised in these cases and address them together as part of Case No. PUE010306. The Staff proposed that the Commission establish a new procedural schedule for the filing of comments and/or requests for hearing by interested parties, a Staff Report addressing the Comprehensive Wires Charge Proposal ("Comprehensive Proposal") filed in Case No. PUE010306 by the Virginia electric

distribution cooperatives<sup>1</sup> ("Cooperatives"), including its recommendation on transition to an annual fuel factor, and reply comments by the Cooperatives.

On March 18, 2002, the Commission entered an order permitting interested parties to file a response to the motion on or before March 25, 2002. We received one comment in support of the motion from the Division of Consumer Counsel, Office of the Attorney General ("Consumer Counsel"). However, Consumer Counsel notes in its Response that, in Case No. PUE020086, the Application of Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative ("NOVEC") to implement retail access in its service territory, NOVEC addresses the fuel adjustment and market price issues raised in the functional separation and wires charge dockets. Accordingly, Consumer Counsel requests that the Commission's order on the Staff's motion address to what extent any coordination of issues in the combined dockets will also include these issues arising in the NOVEC retail access application.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the Staff's motion and Consumer Counsel's response, finds that the motion should be granted. We will combine the outstanding fuel adjustment and

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<sup>1</sup> A&N Electric Cooperative, BARC Electric Cooperative, Central Virginia Electric Cooperative, Community Electric Cooperative, Craig-Botetourt Electric Cooperative, Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative, northern Neck Electric Cooperative, Inc., Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative, Powell Valley Electric Cooperative, Prince George Electric Cooperative, Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative, and Southside Electric Cooperative, Inc.

market price issues contained in the above-referenced dockets, and address them together as part of Case No. PUE010306.

Comments received by interested parties on fuel adjustment and market price issues in Case No. PUE010306 will be considered in Case No. PUE020086, and the Commission's decision on these issues will be incorporated into NOVEC's tariffs filed in that docket.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) The outstanding fuel adjustment issues addressed in Staff's motion in Case Nos. PUE000583, PUE000746, PUE000748, PUE000749, PUE010001, PUE010002, PUE010004, PUE010005, PUE010006, PUE010007, PUE010008, and PUE010009, and the Cooperatives' market price issues in Case No. PUE010306, shall be combined and addressed together in Case No. PUE010306.

(2) Parties interested in filing comments on the fuel adjustment and wires charge issues shall file them in Case No. PUE010306. All comments filed in Case No. PUE010306 will be considered in Case No. PUE020086, and the Commission's decision on these issues will be incorporated into NOVEC's tariffs filed in that docket.

(3) On or before April 5, 2002, interested parties may file comments and/or requests for hearing on the Cooperatives' Comprehensive Proposal, including any comments on the Cooperatives' possible transition from a monthly fuel cost

adjustment to an annual fuel factor. Those parties that submitted informal comments directly to the Staff on these issues may supplement or refile those comments, or simply request that they be made part of the record in this case.

(4) On or before April 12, 2002, the Staff shall file a report addressing the Comprehensive Proposal, including its recommendation on whether the Cooperatives should be required to transition to an annual fuel factor, and any comments received by interested parties.

(5) On or before April 19, 2002, the Cooperatives may file a response to the Staff Report and any comments received by interested parties.

(6) This case is continued for further orders of the Commission.